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- (1) Observation and planning of relationships among sectors is one of the basic methods for the solution of all questions of economic development. Attention is concentrated on the composition of the social product from the point of view of use-value. This approach makes possible the investigation of how the planned volume of production and its structure corresponds to a certain objectively existing structure of needs. It also makes it possible to investigate whether the necessary volume and structure of production is achieved by the optimum use of resources at the disposal of society. The intensity of the structural changes and their character are closely connected with the level of the economic development of the country and the speed of this development.
- (2) The ensurance of relationships among sectors by planning is foremost based on expressing the general criteria of effectivity of social production in a concrete manner. Usually that development of social production may be characterised as most effective where the entire needs of society can be satisfied with the minimum amount of labour or rather / considering that the needs of society always develop one jump ahead of the possibilities of their satisfaction / the maximum use of all resources of social wealth to ensure the covering of the needs of society.
- (3) In every period this general criterion, however, has its concrete, historic contents and its quantitative expression in the planned tasks of development of the various sectors of economy depends most closely on the duration of the planned period. The concrete historic situation and the duration of the planned period also determine the range of factors to be analysed.
- (4) The correct choice of instruments making possible the measurement of the development of the relationships among sectors is of exceptional importance for their planning.
- (5) A certain system of balancing relationships has been evolved in planning. In connection with the increase in the quality of various kinds of norms which are used in balancing, the method of balancing has created a basic factor to ensure optimum economic relationships. The use of structural balancing and input-output technique has brought a qualitatively new instrument for the solution of some tasks. The systemisation of relationships carried out in structural balancing is usable in the first place for the checking up of the complexity and relationships of the economic plan. In planning, however, it was found that a certain amount of cumbersome work is connected with this and that simultaneously a certain danger arises from the incorrect application of this method for the drafting of long-term plans where proportionality must be ensured between the main links of the various sectors and where in turn these links must be interconnected with the economy of the entire state.

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